

Draft Minutes
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee
March 24, 2009

Attendance: Jane Ashby, Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Helene Ver Eecke, Karen Kowles, Stephanie O'Keefe, Don Chapman, Guilford Mooring, Walter Wolnik

Jane opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 311 of the Bangs Center.

Don Chapman reported that the PVRTA ridership is up over 23% over the same time for last year.

Jane noted that there was a new bus shelter at Kendrick Park. Guilford reported that the Main Street shelter is still in the works. He also noted that the new shelters don't have benches because the Town is out of money for benches.

Jane reported there was a leak in the roof to the shelter in front of the former Fiber Arts Center. Guilford said he would look into it. Don said the PVRTA would order the necessary pane to repair it.

Peter moved to accept the minutes of February 17, 2009 and the Subcommittee of February 26, 2009 approved as amended. Karen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Fran reviewed the locations of the prioritized bike racks from the Feb. 26th subcommittee meeting. Guilford said the Town can install all except those that are on private property where the owners' property needs to be obtained. Guilford will contact the police as a courtesy.

Peter moved that the PTBC approve the suggested locations of the bike racks downtown as approved by the subcommittee. Fran seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Peter reported that that there was no new news about the Design Review Board.

There was a general discussion about changing the charge of the committee. Jane reported that Andrew suggested adding a liaison to the Publics Works Committee and the Parking Task Force. The group discussed combining some charges and renumbering them. Peter and Karen will work on a re-draft of the charges.

Stephanie will look into whether a change in the charge will need to go to Town Meeting. She will also look into whether the Committee still has Municipal Town Meeting status.

There was a general discussion about walking paths and the idea of applying for CPAC funding for this in December.

Fran reported on the Parking Task Force Meeting.

Guilford presented sidewalk plans for North Pleasant Street. After a discussion of the plans, Fran moved that the committee recommend eliminating the bump-out on North Pleasant Street at Food for Thought Books to avoid losing a parking space. Helene seconded the motion. Peter, Fran, Jane and Helene voted in favor, Karen voted against. The motion passed.

Guilford reviewed the Spring Street plans.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2009 at 8:45.

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Helene seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Fran VanTreese